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Army Conducted Germ Warfare Tests In Washington's National Airport

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The U.S. Army secretly sprayed potentially harmful bacteria in five open air tests in Washington, D.C., in 1964 and 1965 as part of a biological warfare experiment, according to declassified Army documents obtained by FREEDOM under the Freedom of Information Act.

Although heavily censored, the formerly "Secret" documents,

described a harmless agent by the Army, *Bacillus subtilis* has been found to cause symptoms of respiratory infections, blood poisoning and food poisoning.



Using "the number of one-way and round-trip tickets" being sold at the time of the test, the Army report estimated that the "infected passengers" would carry

the bacillus to more than 200 cities.

The Army team estimated that New York, Washington, D.C., Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles would receive the highest incidence of infection from the departing passengers.

Due to massive deletions in the declassified documents, it could not be determined whether there was any followup study of the infected passengers in the destination cities.